風のように
雲のように
LIKE THE WIND,
LIKE THE CLOUDS
仁和川(にながわ)とも
NINAGAWA-TOMO

HIZUMI, ARE YOU HERE?
SHOW YOURSELF.

APPEAR

YOU CALLED, MASTER?
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED?
ブチ!!
I JUST WANTED TO CALL YOU!
OH, NOTHING.
SFX: SNAP
SFX: SMILE

I'VE ALWAYS TOLD YOU!
IT'S TRUE THAT I'M A NINJA WHO SERVES YOU BUT,
DON'T CALL ME IF YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING!!
YOU'RE AS COLD AS ALWAYS
SFX: SMILE
THERE, THERE.
DON'T BE SO CRANKY!
SFX: STRETCH
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!?
YOU'RE SUCH A SHY BOY ♡
SHUT UP!!
SFX: SHURIKEN STARS

...MASTER, AS A PAGE, I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY-MORE...!
HM? WHAT'S WRONG, RANMA?
I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE PAGE ONE!!
I DON'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE
SFX: IRRITATED
WHY DON'T YOU TRY SMILING SOMETIMES? YOU'LL BECOME POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS, YOU KNOW!
I'M FINE NOT BEING POPULAR WITH GIRLS!!
HEY, NINJA!
IS THAT THE WAY TO BEHAVE IN FRONT OF THE MASTER!?
SPEAK POLITELY! SHOW SOME MANNERS!!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY LOYALTY!?
THIS "BANDIT" HAS GONE TOO FAR WITH HIS MOCKERY!
PLEASE DO MIND!!
I really don't mind.
It's okay!
Care-free!!

THAT GIRLY-FACE IS RIGHT.
Girly-face!?
A NINJA IS A NINJA.
WE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE SAMURAI.
I DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION OF PLEDGING MY LOYALTY TO YOU.
SO YOU CAN JUST FREELY USE ME AS A TOOL.
IS THAT RIGHT?
SIGH
PERSONALLY, I CAN'T SEE MUCH DIFFERENCE
SFX: TURN
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

RECONNAISSANCE IN THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY.
!
AS ALWAYS.
ALL RIGHT. I'M COUNTING ON YOU
RECENTLY, THE MOVEMENT AT THE BORDER SEEMS SUSPICIOUS.
I KNOW
HIZUMI
MAKE SURE THAT
YOU COME BACK ALIVE.
THAT'S AN ORDER.
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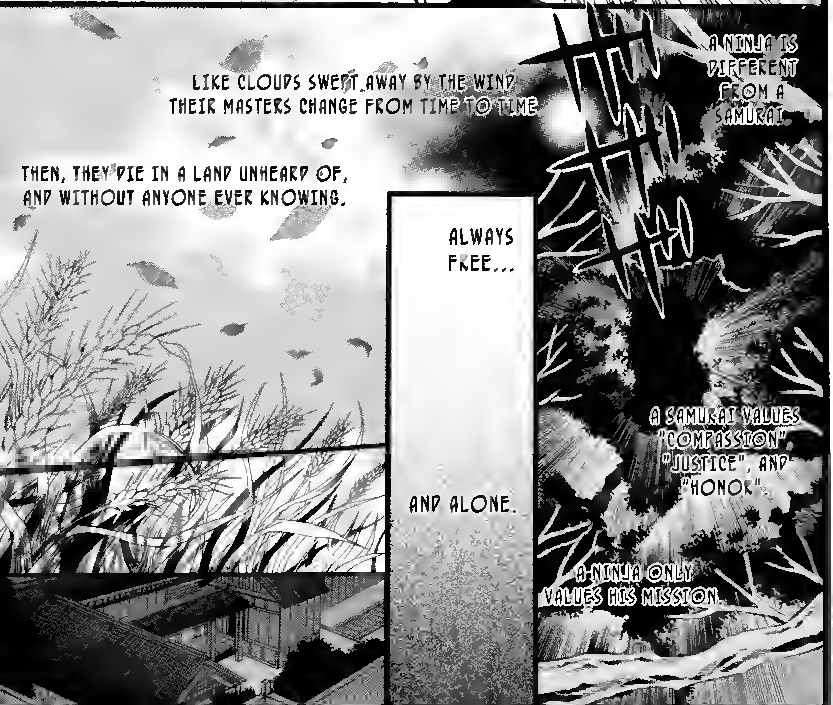
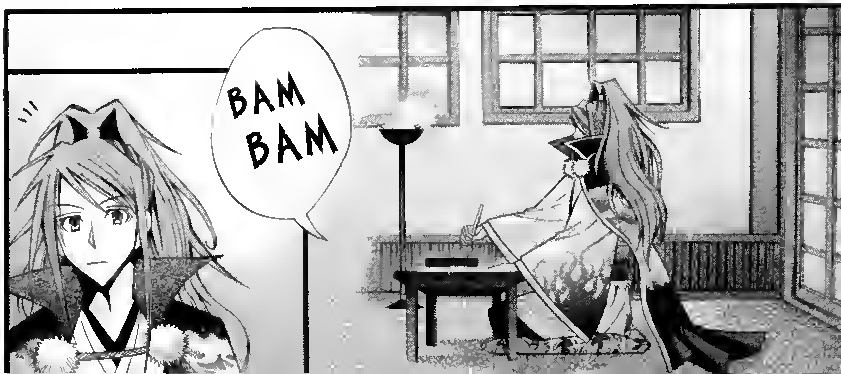
WHAT A STRANGE MAN.
I don't understand him
IMAGE
HAHAHA!
DOES HE HAVE THAT MUCH FREE TIME?
SFX: RUSTLE


A NINJA IS DIFFERENT FROM A SAMURAI.
LIKE CLOUDS SWEPT AWAY BY THE WIND
THEIR MASTERS CHANGE FROM TIME TO TIME.
THEN, THEY DIE IN A LAND UNHEARD OF,
AND WITHOUT ANYONE EVER KNOWING.
ALWAYS FREE...
AND ALONE.
A SAMURAI VALUES "COMPASSION", "JUSTICE", AND "HONOR".
A NINJA ONLY VALUES HIS MISSION.

SFX: CLICK
カチ…
HM?
WHAT'S THAT SOUND..?
NOTHING UNUSUAL, HUH…
カチャッ
SFX: CLATTERING
!!
THEY FOUND ME!!?
WHO'S THERE!?
TCH……!

SFX STRETCH
YOU SCUM! YOU WON'T ESCAPE!
SFX: WHOOSH
!!
SFX: STAGGER
A POISON ARROW ...!!!
.....!!?
IS HE THERE!?
HE'S STILL NEARBY FIND HIM!!
AT THIS RATE, I'LL GET CAUGHT SOON...
HUFF
HUFF
SFX: RUSTLE

THAT'S AN ORDER
MAKE SURE YOU THAT COME BACK ALIVE
.....
TCH!!
IF I TRULY AM A NINJA ...!!
HUFF
HUFF
IF I'M GOING TO BE CAUGHT, THEN I WOULD RATHER CHOOSE DEATH
IF I TRULY AM A NINJA, THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD DO
DAMMIT...!
SFX: DASH


BAM BAM

WHAT IS IT...?
HIZU-MI...!?
SFX: COLLAPSE
HEY! HANG IN THERE!!
EVEN THOUGH I'M A NINJA
ALL BE-CAUSE
YOU GAVE ME... A STRANGE ORDER.....!
HIZUMI...

SFX. FAINT
ワン！
HIZUMI!!
SOMEONE, HELP..!!
AND HERE I THOUGHT THAT,
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE I LIVE OR DIE
BECAUSE IT'S ALL JUST THE SAME....
SFX: SMILE
Whoa!
Oh, you're awake.
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP

Master, I can't find a doctor-!
Find one or die trying!!
IT WAS THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT SO IT WAS HARD TO FIND A DOCTOR!
This one especially went through a lot of trouble.
TURNED INTO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON...
HA HA HA
YOU ALMOST DIED, YOU KNOW!
YOU DID SOMETHING MEANING-LESS
YOU WERE TREATED WITH AN ANTIDOTE FOR THE POISON
It's okay. Just get some sleep
This is your room...!?
YOU...!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO OBTAIN FROM RESCUING SOMEONE LIKE ME?
WE ARE LIKE THE CLOUDS,
SWEPT AWAY BY THE WIND TO ANY-WHERE
SOMEDAY, I WILL PRO-BABLY SERVE A DIFFERENT MASTER
...THAT'S ALRIGHT.

WHATEVER THE FUTURE MAY BE, YOU ARE MY MASTER.

RIGHT NOW..... I'M CERTAINLY FINE WITH THAT.

END

NINAGAWA TOMO

Although I was thinking that it must be hard to be a ninja, I had fun drawing them!

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